

Our Town

Town of Burgaw Weekly Newsletter | July 12-16, 2021



Town Calendar

July 20 | 10 AM-3 PM
Community Blood Drive

July 23 | 6:00 PM
Family Bingo Night

July 29 | 8:00 AM
Special Tourism
Development Authority
Meeting: Community
Roundtable

July 29 | 6:30 PM
Summer on the Square
Concert

August 5 | 8:30 AM
Tourism Development
Authority Meeting

August 10 | 4:30 PM
Board of Commissioners
Meeting

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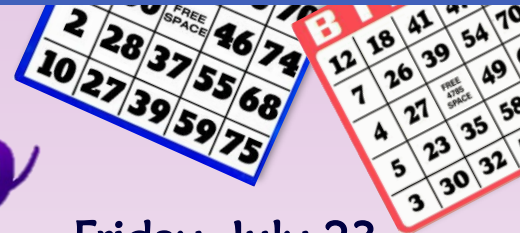
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109 N. Walker Street



Family Bingo Night



Friday, July 23

Historic Train Depot

Starts at 6:00 PM
Doors open at 5:45 PM

Register online at burgawnc.gov/bingo

Make sure to join us for Family Bingo Night on July 23rd at the Historic Burgaw Train Depot. The event will begin at 6:00pm with doors opening at 5:45pm. Price of admission is \$5.00 per person and includes one card per registration or \$9 per person and includes three cards per registration. Snacks and drinks will be available for sale during the event. Registration is required; tickets will not be sold at the door.

Applications now being accepted for the Tourism Development Authority

The Town of Burgaw is currently accepting applications for two (2) vacancies on the Town of Burgaw Tourism Development Authority (TDA). Applicants must be active in the promotion of travel and tourism in the Town of Burgaw. Application may be downloaded from our website at burgawnc.gov. Completed applications must be submitted to the Town Clerk at 109 N Walker Street, Burgaw, NC 28425 no later than 5:00 PM on Friday, July 30, 2021. These are volunteer positions with no compensation. For more information, please contact Town Clerk Kristin Wells at kwells@burgawnc.gov.

Community Blood Drive set for Tuesday, July 20

The Town of Burgaw has partnered with the American Red Cross to hold Community Blood Drive events throughout the year. The next blood drive will be Tuesday, July 20th from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Historic Train Depot, located at 115 S. Dickerson Street. For questions, please contact the Parks, Recreation & Tourism Department at recreation@burgawnc.gov.



SLOW DOWN IN OUR TOWN!

Help us slow down drivers in our town by displaying a yard sign in your yard!

Available FREE at Town Hall
Monday-Friday
8 AM-5 PM

Special awards presented during recent Board of Commissioners meeting

At the July 13th Board of Commissioners regular meeting, Mayor Cowan recognized town employee, Willis Murphy, for his 11 years of service to the town in the Public Works Department. Mr. Murphy started with the town in 2010 and is planning to retire at the end of July. Mr. Murphy will be greatly missed and we wish him all the best in his future endeavors!



Also during the Board of Commissioners meeting, Parks & Recreation Director Cody Suggs presented Girl Scout Troop 4301 with a Community Service Award. As a required community project, the troop recently installed a story walk and little library along the Osgood Canal Walking Trail. We thank the Girl Scouts for their hard work and dedication of service to the town!



Help us celebrate Parks & Recreation Month by giving back to the community

The month of July is Parks & Recreation Month and we are celebrating by giving back to our community. Throughout the month of July, the Parks, Recreation & Tourism Department will be hosting a food drive in which all proceeds will be donated to Pender Christian Services. Boxed and canned food can be dropped off at Town Hall, Monday through Friday, 8 AM-5 PM. For more information, contact the Parks, Recreation & Tourism office at 910 -300-6401 or email recreation@burgawnc.gov.



New banners coming to town

The Burgaw Tourism Development Authority is excited to announce the coming of new banners to display around town. The banners will be on the newly installed lamp posts in the area of Highway 117 and Highway 53 intersection, as well as throughout the downtown area. Keep an eye out for the new banners to be installed in the coming weeks!

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Police Department

PATROL OFFICER

Must be BLET certified and possess good public relation skills. Base salary \$41,971, depending upon education and training. A current notarized F-3 from NC Criminal Justice Training and Standard Division is required.

Public Works Department

STREETS & LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE WORKER

Hiring salary \$13.67 per hour. Must have valid NC driver's license; Position open through July 23, 2021.

Visit burgawnc.gov for more information on the positions listed. The Town of Burgaw offers an excellent benefit package. Qualified applicants may pick up applications and a detailed job description at Town Hall, located at 109 N. Walker Street, Burgaw, or download from our website at burgawnc.gov. EOE



TOWN WIDE MOSQUITO SPRAYING

We would like to remind our residents if you have beehives or other sensitive wildlife that can be affected by the chemicals used in mosquito spraying, please let us know by emailing your name, address, and phone number to cabood@burgawnc.gov so we can add your address to the 'no-spray' areas.

For questions or concerns, please call 259-2901.

New rates to reflect on September utility bill

The Town of Burgaw has not increased water and sewer utility rates since 2015. The costs of operations, maintenance, and sewer treatment continue to increase from year to year. With contractual costs increasing for the treatment of our sewer and to keep our entire system properly maintained, the Board of Commissioners approved water and sewer rate increases with the adoption of the FY 2021-2022 budget. A new stormwater utility fee was also approved in the budget. The new rate schedules can be found on our website at burgawnc.gov/budget. The new water and sewer rates, with the addition of the stormwater utility fee, will be reflected on the utility bill due September 10th, which will include usage between mid-July and mid-August.

Welcome!

Please join us in welcoming our newest town employees:

Burgaw Police Department Patrol Officer
Matthew Murdock

Burgaw Fire Department Full-time Firefighters
Ivy Floyd and Emily Hesse



HEAT SAFETY TIPS

- **Slow down:** Reduce, eliminate or reschedule strenuous activities until the coolest time of the day.
- **Dress for summer:** Wear lightweight, loose-fitting, light-colored clothing that reflect heat.
- **Eat light:** Choose easy-to-digest foods such as fruits and salads.
- **Drink plenty of water:** Focus on non-alcoholic and decaffeinated fluids.
- **Use air conditioners:** Spend time in air-conditioned locations such as malls and libraries if your home isn't air conditioned.
- **Use portable electric fans:** Fans exhaust hot air from rooms or draw in cooler air.
- **Minimize direct exposure to the sun:** Sunburn reduces your body's ability to dissipate heat.
- **Do not take salt tablets:** Only take salt tablets if recommended by a physician.
- **Be aware of infants, older, sick or frail people and pets:** Never leave children, disabled adults or pets in a car.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT WEATHER.GOV/SAFETY/HEAT

What's COOKING IN OUR TOWN

Tangy Cucumber Salad

You Will Need

- 1/4 c. apple cider vinegar
- 2 Tbsp. olive oil
- 2 tsp. granulated sugar
- 1 tsp. kosher salt, plus more as needed
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 2 lbs. cucumbers, about 4 medium
- 2 Tbsp. finely chopped fresh chives

Directions

1. Place the vinegar, oil, sugar, salt and a few grinds of pepper in a large bowl and whisk to combine. Thinly slice the cucumbers crosswise. Place them in the bowl, add the chives, and toss to combine.
2. Cover and refrigerate for at least 30 minutes or overnight to allow the flavors to meld. Taste and season with salt and pepper as needed before serving.



Have a favorite recipe you would like to share with your community?

Send it in and we will feature a seasonal recipe in *Our Town!* Recipes can be sent to the Town Clerk at kwells@burgawnc.gov or drop off at Town Hall.

YOU ARE INVITED

BURGAW TOURISM
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
**COMMUNITY
ROUNDTABLE**

THURSDAY JULY 29

8:00 AM

Historic Burgaw Train Depot



WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Bring your marketing and event ideas to this
roundtable discussion to promote the
Town of Burgaw.

**OPEN TO
THE PUBLIC**

We welcome all local business
owners and Burgaw area
residents for this discussion.

FOR MORE INFO

visit@burgawnc.gov or 910-661-3100





Blueberrytown: Visit Burgaw for a “Berry” Good Time

Article Credit: Carolina Traveler

There's a reason why Burgaw, North Carolina's motto is "Good Town, Year Round". It's the perfect small southern town.

This quaint historic town near Wilmington is home to the popular NC Blueberry Festival. Pair the festival with the many blueberry farms and the blueberry-related attractions and you've got the ideal destination for berry lovers. For this reason, North Carolinians have lovingly dubbed Burgaw "Blueberrytown".

Burgaw's population is 4,080 and the town has a whopping total area of 3.5 square miles. Don't let the small size fool you; there's plenty to see and do during a weekend visit. Below, we're highlighting the tastes and sights that blueberry-lovers won't want to miss.

Attend the NC Blueberry Festival

Started in 2003, the NC Blueberry Festival has grown to become the largest event in Burgaw. The festival attracts 30,000+ visitors annually and exhibits blueberries grown in Duplin, New Hanover, Pender, Bladen, and Sampson counties.

Festival events include a 5k run & 1-mile walk, blueberry recipe contest, BMX showcases, car & truck show, craft beer, BBQ cook-off, live music, and a Tour de Blueberry non-competitive bicycling ride. Of course, there are lots of blueberries and blueberry-flavored foods for sale.

Typically held on the third Saturday in June, the 2022 festival is scheduled for June 17-18. Admission is free. The Blueberry Festival is the perfect way to experience southern hospitality and a taste of the summer. For more information, check out the NC Blueberry Festival website.

Visit a Blueberry Farm

Blueberries flourish in Pender County soil. Annually, the area produces millions of berries that are sold to businesses, residents, and visitors.

North Carolina's blueberry season typically lasts from late May to late July or early August. This of course can change depending on the growing conditions of the year. Whether you want to hand-pick your own blueberries or simply stop by a farm for the freshest berries you'll ever taste, there are a few farms nearby Burgaw that are worth a visit. Many farms also offer up their own blueberry jams, jellies, ice cream, and baked items.

Be sure to call the farm before visiting to guarantee that berries are available.

Murray Blueberry Farm: 180 Murray-Turner Farm Rd. Burgaw, NC 28425, 910-259-4285 for more information

Murray Blueberry Farm has acres of fresh-picked blueberries already picked for you and ready to go. They are owned and operated by Ivanhoe Blueberry Farms. In addition to the fresh blueberries, Murray Blueberry Farm also offers blueberry cakes, pies, muffins, popsicles, and jams.

Shaken Creek Farms: 7429 Old Maple Hill Rd. Burgaw, NC 28425, 910-540-4611 for more information

A family-owned business, Shaken Creek Farms produces four varieties of Southern Highbush blueberries. The farm was founded by brothers Curtis and Alfred in 2009. In addition to over 100 acres of blueberries, the brothers produce raw, local honey. Blueberries need bees for pollination. What initially started as a dozen hives to pollinate the blueberries has grown to 900+ hives.

Ivanhoe Blueberry Farms: 1091 Eddie L. Jones Road Ivanhoe, NC 28447, 910-532-2880 for more information

Ivanhoe Blueberry Farms is a bit further out (about a 25-minute drive from Burgaw), but another popular family-owned farm in the area. The Ivanhoe Blueberry Farms spans four generations. The initial farm was started in 1941. The farm began as a five-acre endeavor and grew to over 80 acres. The family has also acquired several other blueberry farms in the area.

Ivanhoe Blueberry Farms berries are available fresh-packed from mid-May through July. The farm offers thirteen varieties of blueberry including Legacy, Star, and Powder-blue.

Try Some of Burgaw's Tastiest Blueberry Treats

With so many incredible blueberry farms nearby, it's no wonder that Blueberrytown restaurants and cafes offer delectable blueberry treats. A few of the local favorites are below.

Brown Dog Coffee Company: 103 W Fremont St. Burgaw, NC 28425

Locals love Brown Dog Coffee Company for a daily caffeine kick. In addition to the more traditional coffee drinks, Brown Dog Coffee Company offers several blueberry drink options. Try a blueberry lavender latte, frozen blueberry lemonade, blueberry shake, or a blueberry goddess smoothie.

Olde Carolina Eatery: 113 W Fremont St. Burgaw, NC 28425

A stop at Olde Carolina Eatery is a must when visiting Burgaw. Drop-in for lunch and enjoy something savory, but be sure to save room for a blueberry-themed dessert! Locals rave about the blueberry muffins, cobbler, pound cake, and cupcakes. Francis, the owner and baker, has also been featured in the press for her blueberry pie recipe.

Unique Blueberry Attractions

Throughout the year, Burgaw has several blueberry-themed events such as the NC Blueberry Scholarship Pageant and the Blueberry Pancake Breakfast which is held each February to raise funds for the NC Blueberry Festival.

On the day-to-day, Pender County has several unique blueberry-themed attractions that any blueberry lover must-see.

Burgaw Blueberry Statue

Burgaw has truly lived up to its nickname with so many blueberry relics throughout town. In 2018, a new blueberry-themed site was set into motion. The NC Blueberry Festival committee, The Pender Historical Society, and the Town of Burgaw commissioned a work of art. A year later, the Burgaw Blueberry Statue was installed along the Osgood Canal Walking Trail. Find the beautiful and unique statue at the intersection of NC Highway 53 and East Bridges Street.

Antique Shopping: Downtown Burgaw, NC

Burgaw has several antique stores downtown which hold treasures and unique finds. Many shops feature blueberry-themed pieces among their collector's items. Find the perfect blueberry decor or a special blueberry painting.

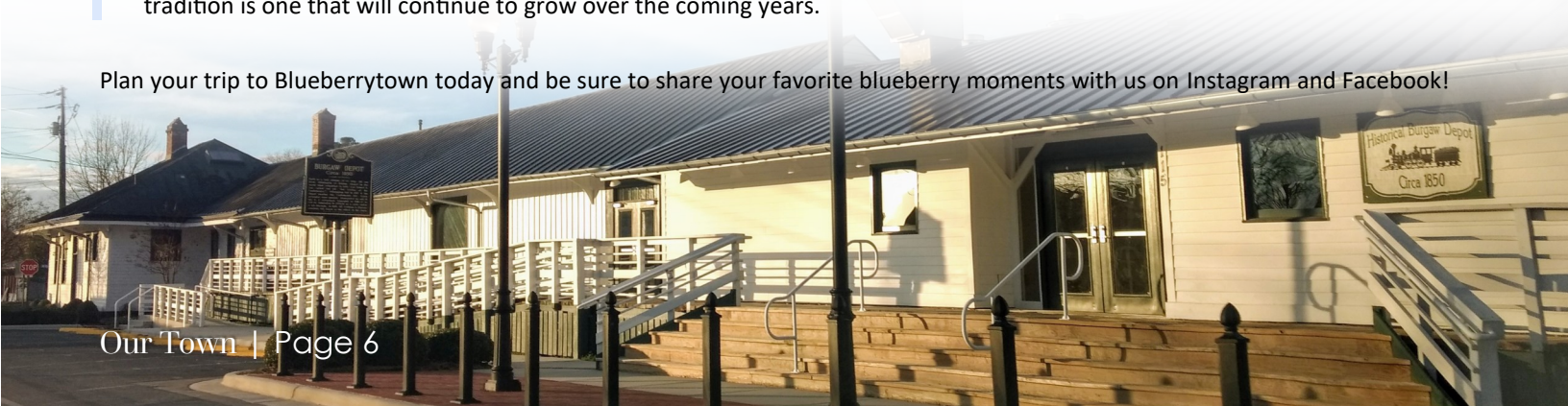
Art Beat Community Arts Center Mural: 108 E. Wilmington St. Burgaw, NC 28425

Strolling through town, you might cross paths with some beautiful scenery but no views are quite like that of the "Pender Panorama" contemporary art. This mural was commissioned in 2017 by the Pender County Arts Council. International artist Danae Brissonet painted a stunning work of art on the side of the Community Arts Center. The piece showcases all aspects of life in Pender County and, of course, blueberries make an appearance.

Burgaw Blueberry Drop

Although Burgaw's peak blueberry-tourism season is in the summer, visitors can also partake in a unique blueberry experience during the colder season. The Burgaw Blueberry Drop takes place on New Year's Eve and marks the strike of midnight according to Greenwich Mean Time. The 2020-2021 event marked the third annual Burgaw Blueberry Drop and the new tradition is one that will continue to grow over the coming years.

Plan your trip to Blueberrytown today and be sure to share your favorite blueberry moments with us on Instagram and Facebook!



2021 Town of Burgaw Meeting Schedule

All meetings are held at the Historic Train Depot, located at 115 S. Dickerson Street, Burgaw, unless otherwise posted.

Meeting agendas can be found on the town's website at BurgawNC.gov.

Notices for cancelations and special called meetings will be posted on the town's website and weekly newsletter when necessary.

For questions or assistance, please contact the Town Clerk at 910-663-3441 or kwells@burgawnc.gov.

Board of Commissioners Meetings

Second Tuesday of every month | 4:30 PM
Public Forum/Public Hearings at 5:30 PM

Planning & Zoning Board Meetings

Third Thursday of every month | 5:30 PM

Burgaw Area Tourism Development Authority

First Thursday of every month | 8:30 AM

Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee

Second Monday of January, March, May, July, September, November | 5:30 PM

Police Advisory Board

Third Tuesday of February, May, August, November | 5:30 PM



Town Hall

109 N. Walker St.
Burgaw, NC 28425
910-259-2151
mail@burgawnc.gov
www.burgawnc.gov

Office Hours

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Monday-Friday

Utilities

663-3445

Parks & Town Events

300-6401

Human Resources

663-3444

Permitting & Inspections

663-3452

Public Works Department

259-2901

Police Department

Non-Emergency
259-4924

Fire Department

Non-Emergency
259-7494

Elected & Appointed Officials

Mayor

Kenneth T. Cowan

Mayor Pro Tem

Wilfred Robbins

Commissioners

Jan Dawson
James Murphy
Bill George
Vernon Harrell

Town Manager

James H. Gantt

Town Clerk

Kristin J. Wells

Town Attorney

Zachary Rivenbark

2021 RECYCLING SCHEDULE

EAST side of Railroad WEST side of Railroad
Right-of-way Right-of-way

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| July 14 | July 7 |
| July 28 | July 21 |
| August 11 | August 4 |
| August 25 | August 18 |
| September 8 | September 1 |
| September 22 | September 15 |
| October 6 | September 29 |
| October 20 | October 13 |
| November 3 | October 27 |
| November 17 | November 10 |
| December 1 | November 24 |
| December 15 | December 8 |
| December 29 | December 22 |

"Railroad Right-of-way" is the Train Depot at 115 S. Dickerson Street

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Visit BurgawNC.gov to sign up today!

BURGAW, NC

T-Shirts & License Tags

Stop by today to purchase a Burgaw, NC t-shirt and a license tag for just \$10 each. Available for purchase Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm at Town Hall, 109 N. Walker Street.

Provided by the Burgaw Tourism Development Authority



Public Works Emergency Response Number

PHONE # 910-470-0457

This phone is only answered after hours, between 4:30 PM - 7:30 AM, and is for water and sewer **emergencies only**. Unless Public Works has been given prior Notice from Town Hall, Public Works **cannot turn your water on due to non-payment shut off**.